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Mandatory Recycling Starts March 1

New Guide Details What to Recycle

In an effort to preserve natural resources, save energy and lengthen the life of landfills, the City of Rockville will begin a mandatory recycling program on March 1. All single-family homes and town homes will be required to recycle.

Rockville is striving to make recycling simple and hassle-free. Every resident should already have a city-provided recycling bin. In addition, the new Refuse and Recycling Guide, that clearly spells out what can and can not be recycled, is currently being hand-delivered to residents.

Among the items that can be placed in the recycling bins are glass bottles, jars and aluminum cans. Labels may stay intact, but residents should rinse each item and remove lids.

Plastic bottles, marked with numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, or 7 at the bottom, can be recycled. This includes milk, soft drink, juice, detergent, bleach and salad dressing bottles. Labels can stay on these bottles, but lids should be removed. Plastic containers that have wide mouths, such as margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese and deli-type containers, can not be accepted for recycling.

Paper items such as newspapers, magazines, telephone books, cardboard and unwanted mail can be recycled, but they must be placed in a separate paper bag and set out by the curb alongside of the recycling bin on collection days.

Larger items, such as fencing, dismantled sheds and playground sets, automotive parts, furniture and appliances, can be recycled. However, there are specific guidelines to follow with these items. Details can be found in the Guide.

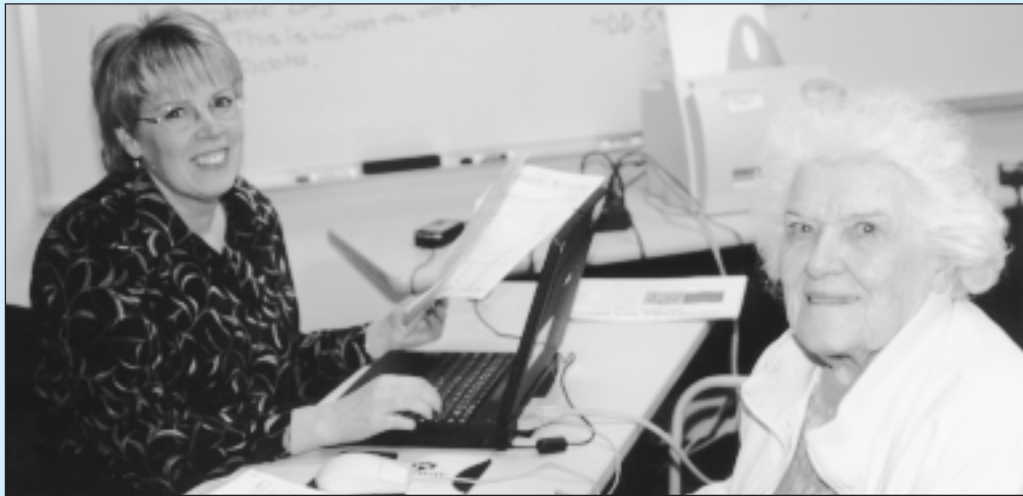
Regular refuse should not be placed in the recycling bins or bags.

"Many residents have been great about participating in our voluntary recycling program over the years," said Rockville Director of Public Works Hal Cranor. "Now that we are taking the program to another level, we think the mandatory program will inspire others to help the City achieve its recycling goals."

Cranor reminds all residents that the City reserves the right to not pick up regular refuse or recycling for residents that do not comply with Rockville's program.

Residents should place their recyclables at the curb the night before their scheduled collection day or before 6 a.m. on collection day. ❖

CALL 301-309-3094 FOR MORE INFO



A Less-Taxing Season

The City of Rockville's tax-preparation assistance program, which dates back more than 25 years, opened for the 2002 season on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the offices of Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. More than 25 volunteers will staff the office at 32 Courthouse Square every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. through April 9. They will also be available Monday, April 15. Mandy Smith of Neighborhood and Community Services oversees the program, but for the past 25 years, Stan Seemann (a Certified Public Accountant) has been the main thrust in organizing the program. He recruits the volunteers who annually assist in preparing returns for between 150 and 200 low-income Rockville residents.

Seemann said this year's group of volunteers is mostly composed of CPAs, such as Keri L. Woodworth (above left) of May & Barnhard, PC. Here she was helping resident Sophia Fuchs prepare her 2001 tax returns. For more information call 301-309-3183.

Water Conservation Urged Due to 'Drought Warning'

Rockville, in response to the declaration by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) that four months of below normal precipitation have left the area in "Drought Warning" status, is urging residents and businesses to adhere to voluntary water conservation measures.

Continued precipitation deficits could lead to water supply concerns for certain Maryland public water systems and other users. A drought warning is the second stage in the State's Drought Management Plan.

Increasing precipitation deficits have caused stream flows and ground water levels to decrease. Above average precipitation is needed during the next quarter to improve the current hydrologic conditions.

"We always advise residents and businesses to conserve water, especially since there have been periods in recent years when we faced serious decreased water supply situations," said Hal Cranor, Rockville's Director of Public Works.

"Many people in this part of the country associate drought conditions with hot weather, but the lack of rain and snow over the past few months apparently has had a significant effect on the entire area. We do not want people to panic, but we do think

this is a situation that must be taken seriously. There can be a significant impact if everyone makes a contribution to help."

MDE, which regulates public water systems, is encouraging homeowners to detect and repair all leaks to reduce the unnecessary loss of water. Homeowners also are encouraged to conduct a water audit to determine places for water savings.

Detailed information is available at the MDE Web site at www.mde.state.md.us/waterconservation.

To conserve water, Rockville citizens should become increasingly aware of their water use at home and at work. MDE recommends that citizens take the following voluntary measures to decrease water use:

- Repair leaky faucets, toilets or pipes
- Replace conventional faucets and showerheads with water-efficient ones
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Operate dishwashers and washing machines with a full load
- Limit showers to five minutes or less to save water ❖

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO

Calendar of Events

City Events

1 Rockville's Sister City Corporation's Wine Tasting, featuring the White Wines of Europe and the Middle East. Complementary appetizers. 8 – 10 p.m. Glenview Mansion. \$25 per person. Call 301-315-6533.

To March 12

"Playing with a Full Deck" Art Quilt Exhibit will be on display at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 7-9 p.m. Free. Call 301-309-3354 for more information.

10 Rockville Arts Sampler, featuring Rockville's resident art groups. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. Call 301-545-5660 for more information.

17 – April 2

Rockville Student Art Show. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Free. Reception will be Sunday, March 17, from 1-4 p.m.

17 Rockville Concert Band Children's Concert. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

23 Off Leash Testing. Certification for dogs to walk without a leash. 10 a.m. Middle Lane Parking Lot.

30 7th Annual African American Heritage Dance and Music Production: "From Acorn to Oak: Our Children, Our Future." 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free, but a \$5 donation at the door is appreciated. Call 301-309-3166.

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Nature Center

Reservations are required. See the City Web site or the Spring Recreation Guide for details. For more information call 301-545-5691.

6 From Showers to Flow-ers. 4 –5 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$8 residents. \$10 non-residents.

9 Bluebird Boxes. 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. All ages. \$20 residents. \$23 non-residents.

19 Hummingbirds. 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$2 resi-dents. \$3 non-residents.

23 Stepping into Spring. 2-3 p.m. Ages 8 and over. \$12 residents. \$15 non-residents.

28 Egg Hunt. 9-9:45 a.m. for ages 2-3; 10:15 –11 a.m. for ages 3-5. \$3 resi-dents. \$4 non-residents.

29 Where Goes the Wind. 2-3 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$8 residents. \$10 non-residents.

29 Jeepers, Can you Hear those Peepers? 6-7 p.m. All ages. \$2 residents. \$3 non-residents.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Programs with an activity number require registration. For further information, call 301-309-3025.

1 Ask Liz. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Free. Activity # 2835.

4-15 Internet and E-mail. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$60 fee. Activity #3156.

5-7 Computer Viruses. Tuesday and Thursday. \$20 fee. Activity #3150.

6 March Birthday & St. Patrick's Day Party. 1 – 2:30 p.m. Free. Activity # 2705.

6 Blood Pressure Screening.10 a.m. -12 noon.

7 Veteran's Club. 10:30 a.m. –12 noon. Free. Activity # 2999.

12 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. -12 noon.

12 Readers' Group. 7 – 8 p.m. Free. Activity # 2702.

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Will replace existing wooden bridge • design underway • projected completion fall 2002 • public input will be incorporated into design

MONTROSE

Montrose Community Center • Will be closed while undergoing modernization starting in spring • improvements include a new roof, windows and additional storage space • will reopen in summer 2002

GENERAL PROJECTS

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Period lighting will be installed • relocation of mature boxwoods and additional landscaping scheduled for spring

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Opened in February • grand opening will coincide with Earth Day on April 21

Croydon Creek Pedestrian Bridge

• Wooden bridge at the end of Avery Road over Croydon Creek to be replaced • securing permits • completion in summer

Energy Study

• Johnson Controls awarded contract for Phase I energy study to begin winter 2001-02 • Phase II to begin in fall/winter 2002-03

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • under design • separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Isreal Park Shelter Improvement • Aged shelter to be replaced • in design stage

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road

in design, construction scheduled for 2002

• resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2002 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Playground Equipment Improvements

• Equipment to be replaced at Isreal Park, Dogwood Park and Broome Park

Rockville Senior Center • Dining room to be expanded • card and computer rooms soundproofed • kitchen will be renovated • construction planned for summer

Swim Center • Will remove existing ceramic tiles on the deck surface ramp and bridge areas of the outdoor recreation and deck surface of the tot pool • high traffic areas will get nonskid surfacing • drain system to be installed in the tot pool • scheduled for spring 2002

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and Falls Road • public input will be incorporated into the design

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Roadway alignment analysis has been completed on extending Maryland Avenue from Middle Lane to Beall Avenue

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Installations on Forest Street and Laird Street are scheduled for spring of 2002

GENERAL PROJECTS

Baltimore Road • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Twinbrook Parkway has been designed • construction contract awarded to Merit Contractors, Inc. of Fairfax • construction is expected to begin this spring

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Planned for spring 2002 • intersections include Great Falls Road at Maryland Route 28; Maryland Route 355 at Maryland Route 28 and Maryland Route 586; Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue; and Maryland Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include Gude Drive and Research Boulevard; Gude Drive and Gaither Road; I-270 and Shady Grove Road; I-270, Maryland Route 28 and Nelson Street; West Montgomery Avenue and Gude Drive; West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road; and Shady Grove and Research Boulevard • construction to begin in early 2002

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing stormwater management • construction to start in spring

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • An upgrade of water main from 8 to 12 inches is planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue

Water Main Work • Will strengthen water distribution system and improve fire flows on Chapman Avenue • replaced in the summer

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements • intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway • modifications will take place within next six months

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

Budget Dates for FY 2003

The FY2003 budget process is underway in Rockville. The Mayor and Council have been working with City staff to formulate a fiscal plan for the budget year that begins on July 1, but the time is near for Rockville citizens to get involved.

In February, the Mayor and Council held two public work sessions to help narrow their priorities. On April 8, City staff will present a proposed budget to the Mayor and Council. Citizens will have several weeks to study the proposed budget before getting the opportunity to make comments at public hearings on April 29 and May 6. Here are some key dates in the process:

- April 8 Staff budget presentation
- April 29 Public Hearing
- May 6 Public Hearing
- May 13 Worksession
- May 20 Worksession
- May 28 Worksession
- June 10 Budget Adoption

In Brief

Unique Quilt Exhibit

“Playing with a Full Deck of Art Quilts,” currently on display at Rockville’s Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, opened to a first day audience of 750 – the largest single-day crowd ever for an art exhibit at Glenview. The exhibit features 54 art quilts, each uniquely designed to represent a different playing card and the two jokers. The exhibit will run through Tuesday, March 12. While the quilt exhibit is on display, the gallery will be open Mondays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours will be 1 to 4 p.m. It will also be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free, but a \$5 donation will be appreciated.

CALL 301-309-3308 FOR MORE INFO

Legislative Scholarships

Applications for District 17 Legislative Scholarships, sponsored by Maryland State Delegates Kumar Barve, Michael Gordon and Cheryl Kagan, are now being accepted. Any undergraduate or graduate student who is a legal resident of Maryland’s 17th District and is registered to vote may apply. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained by calling Delegate Gordon’s office at 301-858-3522 or by visiting www.cherylkagan.org. The application deadline is March 15.

CALL 301-858-3522 FOR MORE INFO

White Wine Tasting

The Rockville Sister City Corporation will host its 10th annual Wine Tasting Social—featuring the crisp white wines of Europe and the Middle East—on Friday, March 1, from 8 to 10 p.m., at Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park. Appetizers also will be served. Admission is \$25 per person.

CALL 301-315-6533 FOR MORE INFO

Rockville Arts Sampler

Rockville’s finest musical groups will come together for a spectacular afternoon performance showcasing many talents in the Rockville Arts Sampler on Sunday, March 10, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Vignettes will be performed by Rockville’s Civic Ballet, Community Chorus, Concert Band, Regional Youth Orchestra, National Chamber Orchestra, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theater and the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. Tickets can be obtained by calling the theater box office at 301-545-5660.

CALL 301-309-3357 FOR MORE INFO

Diversity Workshop

Students who attend a Rockville high school or live in Rockville or Montgomery College are invited to attend a free diversity leadership workshop on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Montgomery College. The one-day event is being sponsored by the Rockville Mayor and Council, the

DARE-ing and Different

When City of Rockville police officers go to eight public and three private elementary schools to talk with fifth graders as part of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, they make a statement just driving up. Thanks to the donations of Century Ford, ARL Signs, Federal Public Safety and Tomar Electronics, Rockville officers arrive in a fire engine red, brightly-decorated Ford Mustang. “The kids are fascinated by the car,” said Police Chief Terry Treschuk. “It helps to break down any barriers to communications. Everyone – kids and cops – like to talk about the DARE car.” The City recently thanked the DARE car sponsors at City Hall. Left to right are: DARE instructor Sergeant Robert Rappoport, Darren Leslie of ARL, Councilmember Anne Robbins, Tim Lawrenson and Paul Saltarelli of Century, Mayor Larry Giammo, DARE instructor Officer Jan Seilhamer and Police Chief Terry Treschuk.



Human Rights Commission and the Montgomery College Office of the Dean of the Humanities. The workshop will give students tools to address hatred and intolerance in their schools, communities and beyond. Enrollment is limited.

CALL 301-309-3308 FOR MORE INFO

Memorial Day Planning

It may seem like Memorial Day Weekend is a long way off, but planning is well underway for the City of Rockville’s annual Memorial Day parade and Home-town Holidays festivities. The parade will take place on Monday, May 27, starting at 10:30 a.m. Now in its 58th year, the theme of this year’s parade is “A Tribute to American Hero’s.” The parade is sponsored by the City of Rockville, American Legion Post 86, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and the Rockville Jaycees. Spots remain available for contestants to participate in the parade, which traditionally draws 20,000 spectators. The juried parade is limited to 80 units and contestants, who will compete for \$6,000 in prize money for the top entrants. All applications must be received by Wednesday, April 24.

CALL 301-545-5636 FOR MORE INFO

Strengthening Families

Parents hoping to better understand their children ages 7-11 can get help through a free seven-week Rockville parent/family training class called “Strengthening Families.” The program suggests tools parents can use to improve family relationships and help children understand their feelings, deal with criticism and comply with parental rules. Funding for the program ends this year and this will be the final class.

CALL 301-309-3390 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

El reciclaje es obligatorio a partir del 1 de marzo.

Como parte de un esfuerzo para proteger el medioambiente, ahorrar energía, y alargar el uso de los basureros municipales, la Ciudad de Rockville comenzará el reciclaje obligatorio en el 1 de marzo. El reciclaje será obligatorio para todas las casas particulares y las casas pegadas (townhouses). Rockville esta tratando de hacer el proceso de reciclar simple in libre de problemas. Cada habitante debe haber obtenido de la Ciudad un recipiente para los artículos que vaya a reciclar. El nuevo Guía de reciclaje y basura (Refuse and Recycling Guide), que está actualmente siendo distribuido a su casa, claramente explica los productos que pueden ser incluido en su reciclaje. La Ciudad de Rockville tiene el derecho de negarse a recoger toda basura de su domicilio si usted no cumple con el requisito de participar en el programa de reciclaje. La Ciudad de Rockville recogerá los recipientes de reciclaje y las bolsas una vez a la semana. Los residentes de la ciudad deben poner su reciclaje al lado de la calle la noche antes de la recolecta del reciclaje o antes de las 6 a.m. en el día de la recolecta. Los recipientes vacíos de reciclaje y basura tienen que ser eliminados de la calle dentro de 24 horas después de la recolecta.



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- 13** Truth and Myths about Long Term Care. 10:15 a.m.
- 13** Lottery Registration for Spring Trips. 10:30 a.m.
- 14** Drug & Alcohol Dependency in Seniors. 1 p.m.
- 20** Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. – 12 noon.
- 20** Classical Music Appreciation. 1-2:30 p.m. Activity # 3688.

21 Young at Heart Senior Club. 11 a.m. New members Welcome.

22 How to Manage Blood Pressure. 10:30 a.m.

25 Diabetes & Meal-time Control. 1 p.m.

25 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Beauty and the Beast Trip

The City of Rockville’s Department of Recreation and Parks invites you to “Be Our Guest” on Sunday, April 28, for a live 1 p.m. presentation of the hit musical “Beauty and the Beast” at The Mechanic Theatre in Baltimore. A special package put together by the Recreation and Parks Department includes excellent center orchestra seats, transportation to and from the theater from Rockville City Hall, and group leadership. The cost of the trip is \$90 for Rockville residents and \$104 for non-residents. Call 301-309-3182 for more information.

Seniors Travel to Canada

The Rockville Senior Center is planning a 10-day escorted tour by rail to Canadian national parks and resorts, and spots remain available. The trip starts with a flight to Toronto and concludes in Vancouver before the flight home. It starts June 26 and continues through July 5. Rates begin at \$3,295 per person for double occupancy, and include round-trip airfare, taxes, meals and baggage handling. Call 301-309-3062 for more information



March Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mayor & Council Live

March 11, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
March 18, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
March 25, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Mayor & Council

Roundtable (tentative)
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Daily, 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

Exploring Rockville's Past

Daily, 2 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.
Sun.-Tues., 11 p.m.

Caregivers:

Basic Needs

Daily, 2:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m., 11
p.m.
Sat.-Tues., 7 a.m.

Nature Center

Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Daily, 7 p.m.

Rockville Arts Place

Wed.-Sat., 7:15 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Mayor and Council Meetings

March 4: Worksession, 7:30
March 5: Worksession, 6 p.m.
March 11: General Session, 7:30 p.m.
March 18: Worksession and Public Hearing (Buckingham Property), 7:30 p.m.
March 19: Worksession, 6 p.m.
March 25: General Session, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue. General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on this page for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please check with the City Clerk's Office as drop-in times are subject to change. Call 301-309-3310.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in March are:

- March 11: **Susan Hoffmann**
- March 18: **Anne Robbins**
- March 25: **Bob Dorsey**



Councilmember
Susan Hoffmann

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for General Sessions on Jan. 28 and Feb. 11.

On Jan. 28, the Mayor and Council:

- Presented certificates of recognition to teen and adult volunteers who were involved in a bus mural art project.
- Awarded bid to Professional Products Inc. for \$164, 416 to develop a video server for on-air programs playback and streaming video on the City's Web site.
- Awarded bid to Winkler Pool Management Inc. for \$123,690 for improvements at the Municipal Swim Center.
- Awarded bid to Merit Contractors Inc. for \$314,590 for construction improvements on the Baltimore Road bike path.
- Approved participation in the City's regional storm water management (SWM) program for the .53 acres previously associated with the Baltimore Road Bike Path Phase I improvements. Transferred \$24,380 from the Baltimore Road Bikeway project to the SWM fund.
- Authorized staff to file a historic district sectional map amendment application to rezone 11,301 square feet of land at 115 Park Avenue in the Park subdivision, known as the Spates Bungalow, from the 0-1 zone to 0-1 Historic District zone.
- Adopted ordinance to grant zoning map amendment to the Hutton/Cary and Hattie Kingdon House (12,750 square feet of land located at 300 Reading Avenue) from an R-60 to R-60 Historic District zone.
- Adopted ordinance to grant zoning map amendment to the Haiti Cemetery (.68 acres of land located at 205 Martins Lane) from R-90 to R-90 Historic District zone.

On Feb. 11, the Mayor and Council:

- Expressed its appreciation, and presented a gift to, former Councilmember Bob Wright. He served from 1995-2001.
- Received a final report from Rockville's Millennium Committee. Committee. Chairman John Moser and other members of the committee were presented with Certificates of Recognition for their work that included planning numerous events, burying a time capsule and inspiring publication of the book, *Rockville: Portrait of a City*.
- Approved Joint Procurement Agreement with Madison Mechanical of Mariottsville, Md., for plumbing services not to exceed \$40,000
- Awarded contract to Montgomery County Public Schools for \$50,753 for bus transportation to service Rockville's summer camps and playgrounds programs.
- Awarded bid of \$83,600 to Seaway Coatings of Baltimore for repair and installation of a cathodic protection system for the Talbott Street Water Tank.
- Approved participation in the City's Regional Stormwater Management Participation Program resulting from the construction of an auto repair facility on Westmore Road in the Rock Creek drainage area. Accepted a \$20,000 contribution to the Stormwater Management Fund.
- Authorized City Manager to amend existing agreement with Holland and Knight of Washington, D.C., in amount of \$7,000 per month, for federal legislative and legal services.
- Approved entrance into contract with sculpture artist Stephen Canneto to design and establish work for the Village Green at Falls Grove. Canneto's preliminary design was the one recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission as its top selection among the four finalists.

Haiti Cemetery

Rockville's First All-Black Burial Ground Receives Historical Status

For years, Warren and Elaine Crutchfield nervously watched homes being built around the Haiti Cemetery—a plot of just less than three-quarters of an acre that their grandmother bought in 1889. The property sits in the center of Rockville—on Martin's Lane—and the brother and sister knew it would someday be a lure for developers.

They no longer have to worry.

On Monday, Jan. 28, Rockville's Mayor and Council voted unanimously to grant the Haiti Cemetery, the City's first all-black burial ground, historical status. The designation means it will be very difficult to ever develop the property, where more than 70 descendants of local black families are buried. It also will preserve a segment of Montgomery County's, and the nation's, past.

The historic designation brings overwhelming pride and relief to the Crutchfield family, which has three generations of family members buried there.

"We didn't ever want to see the remains

of people who struggled tending fields and shoeing horses be removed from their final resting place," said Warren, a retired Montgomery County teacher whose grandmother, Lottie Crutchfield, made her livelihood in the early 1900s selling burial plots on the cemetery to former slaves.

"There actually was a point in time when black people could not be buried next to white people. That history should not be in vain."

The Haiti Cemetery holds generations of Woods, Johnsons, Smiths, Carrolls, Williams and Meades, most of whom still have descendants living in Montgomery County.

In the coming weeks, the cemetery will be adorned with a plaque that reflects the historical significance the City has bestowed on the property.

"This historic designation is going to preserve a vital part of our history," said Warren Crutchfield, "and it means a lot personally for many people."

No doubt, their great grandmother and grandmother would be proud.

Boards and Commissions March Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted

March 2 (Saturday)

Board of Appeals, 9 a.m.

March 6 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

March 7 (Thursday)

Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

March 12 (Tuesday)

Science, Technology & Environmental Commission, 7:30 p.m.

March 13 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Bike Advisory Committee, 7:15 p.m.

March 19 (Tuesday)

Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m. (Red Brick Courthouse / Room 105)

March 20 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

March 21 (Thursday)

Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.

March 27 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.